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SUBJ: SYRIAN REACTION TO SINAI AGREEMENT -- SEPTEMBER 20

1. DOMESTIC:

AL-THAWRAH, ONLY SATURDAY PAPER, FOR FIRST TIME SINCE
ISSUANCE OF BAATH PARTY STATEMENT DID NOT PUBLISH CABLES
FROM SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF PARTY STAND.

2. FOREIGN:

HAVE JUST SEEN FBIS TRANSLATION OF SEPT 16 DAMASCUS RADIO
REPORT THAT PRESIDENT FORD DECLARED U.S. HAD NOT APPLIED
PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO SIGN AGREEMENT. U.S. ALSO INTENDED
TO REASSESS ITS ME POLICY EVERY FEW MONTH. UNIDENTIFIED
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OBSERVER DESCRIBED FORD'S AS "TRICK" AIMED AT "MISLEADING"

ARABS. SEPTEMBER 20 AL-THAWRAH NOTED STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT U.S. AGREED TO DISPATCH ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL. ALSO REPORTED KISSINGER STATEMENT THAT SINAI AGREEMENT HAD REDUCED LIKELIHOOD OF ANOTHER OIL EMBARGO.

ARAB STUDENTS IN LONDON STAGED SIT-IN AT ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE TO PROTEST AGREEMENT. ASST. SEC GEN OF BAATH PARTY REGIONAL COMMAND BAJBUJ MET WITH PODGORNYY IN MOSCOW AND TRANSMITTED MESSAGE FROM ASAD. THEIR TALKS CENTERED ON ME SITUATION AND BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. JORDANIAN MISSILE DEAL:

SEPTEMBER 19 AL-BAATH PRAISED JORDAN'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT HAWK MISSILES UNDER STIPULATED U.S. CONDITIONS AS "CLEAR REJECTION OF U.S. ME POLICY."

4. COMMENTARY

SEPTEMBER 20 AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST EXPLAINED THAT SYRIA REJECTED SINAI AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT WENT BEYOND DISENGAGEMENT ACCORDS ON SINAI AND GOLAN WHICH WERE MILITARY NOT POLITICAL ACCORDS AND LIBERATED OCCUPIED ARAB LAND WITHOUT ATTACHMENT OF POLITICAL STRINGS AND WITHOUT CONCESSIONS TO "ZIONIST ENEMY AND U.S." KISSINGER, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO PURSUE STEP-BY-STEP POLICY, GOAL OF WHICH WAS "RUPTURE OF UNITED ARAB FRONT." SYRIA STEADFASTLY DEMANDED SOLUTION THROUGH GENEVA IN PRESENCE OF ALL PARTIES INCLUDING PLO. SECOND COLUMNIST SUGGESTED THAT U.S. AID TO ISRAEL MIGHT NOT BE IN PAYMENT FOR SIGNING AGREEMENT BUT TO PREPARE ISRAEL FOR LAUNCHING NEW AGGRESSION. THIRD COLUMNIST DENOUNCED "CONTINUED ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB LANDS AND USURPATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, SITUATION WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY AMERICAN PRESENCE IN SINAI."
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